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TAGS: PGOV, CY, US  
SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF MAKARIOS' SUCCESSOR

REF: (A) ANKARA 5944 (NOTAL); (B) NICOSIA 2054 (NOTAL)

1. THE QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF SUCCESSOR TO  
MAKARIOS HAS GAINED INCREASED INTEREST AND PRESS ATTENTION  
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IN PAST FEW DAYS. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS GAVE PROMINENCE TO  
AUG 9 STATEMENT BY DENKTASH THAT HE HAD SUMMONED UKHC GORDON  
TO HIS HOME TO EXPRESS REGRETS OVER REPORTS THAT BRITISH  
FOREIGN OFFICE HAD ISSUED STATEMENT THAT UK WOULD RECOGNIZE  
ELECTED SUCCESSOR TO MAKARIOS AS PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS. DENKTASH  
REPEATED HIS POSITION THAT WHOEVER IS ELECTED BY GREEK  
CYPRIOTS TO REPLACE MAKARIOS CAN BE LEADER OF GREEK CYPRIOTS

AND NOTHING MORE.

2. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS MEANWHILE PROMINENTLY REPORTED OTHER INDICATIONS THAT TO THE CONTRARY, MAKARIOS' SUCCESSOR WILL BE ACCORDED INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AS PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS. IN ADDITION TO BRITISH STATEMENT, PRESS EMPHASIZED U.S. AND FRENCH STATEMENTS ON SUBJECT OF RECOGNITION. FRENCH DELEGATE, MINISTER OF JUSTICE PEYRIFITTE REPORTEDLY SAID IN PRESS CONFERENCE THAT QUESTION OF SPECIFIC RECOGNITION OF SUCCESSOR TO MAKARIOS DOES NOT ARISE SINCE NEW PRESIDENT WILL BE ELECTED DEMOCRATICALLY BY PEOPLE OF CYPRUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION. MR. CLIFFORD SAID IN ANSWER TO QUESTION AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE AUG 9 (NICOSIA 2086 -- DTG 101300Z AUG 77 NOTAL): "I CAN GIVE ONLY WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE THE POLICY OF OUR COUNTRY. WE HAVE RECOGNIZED THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS. WE HAVE A FULL DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF YOUR COUNTRY THERE IS A SUCCESSION WHEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTRY IS TAKEN IN THIS MANNER. WE ASSUME THAT YOUR CONSTITUTION WILL BE CARRIED THROUGH IN ITS PRESENT FORM, AND THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS EXACTLY AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST."

3. ONE GREEK CYPRIOT NEWSPAPER, LEFTIST TA NEA, REPORTED LEADER OF SOVIET DELEGATION, PRESIDUM VICE PRESIDENT BARKOUSKA, MADE IT CLEAR QUESTION OF RECOGNIZING NEW PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS DOES NOT ARISE SINCE HIS ELECTION  
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IS WITHIN THE CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK. HOWEVER, NO OTHER GREEK CYPRIOT NEWSPAPER REPORTS SUCH A STATEMENT BY SOVIET DELEGATION AND GOC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE IS UNABLE TO CONFIRM WHETHER STATEMENT WAS MADE.

4. DURING CALL BY EMBOFF AUG 10 ON RAIF DENKTASH, SON OF "TFSC" PRESIDENT RAUF DENKTASH AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF DENKTASH'S NATIONAL UNITY PARTY, THE YOUNGER DENKTASH COMPLAINED ABOUT CLIFFORD STATEMENT AND REPEATED ARGUMENT THAT SUCCESSOR TO MAKARIOS COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED PRESIDENT OF ALL OF CYPRUS. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD DENKTASH'S POSITION BUT THAT U.S. WOULD CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS AND WHOMEVER MIGHT BE ELECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS CONSTITUTION.

5. ON AUG 10 DCM MET WITH "TFSC FONMIN" CHELIK. CHELIK RAISED QUESTION OF RECOGNITION OF THE NEW GREEK CYPRIOT LEADER, NOTING BRITISH AND FRENCH STATEMENTS AND CLIFFORD STATEMENT AT HIS AUG 9 PRESS CONFERENCE. THEY HAD CAUSED CONCERN IN THE TFSC THAT FOREIGN NATIONS MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND A WHOLE NEW SITUATION HAS BEEN CREATED BY THE DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS. HE SAID IT IS VERY IMPORTANT

THAT THE WORLD COMMUNITY NOT RECOGNIZE THE NEW GREEK CYPRIOT  
LEADER AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS. DCM  
RESPONDED IT IS NOT REASONABLE TO EXPECT THE U.S. TO  
CHANGE ITS POLICY ON RECOGNITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS.  
THERE WILL BE NO REQUIREMENT FOR FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO  
TAKE ANY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION WHEN A NEW GREEK CYPRIOT LEADER  
IS ELECTED. IN ADDITION, THE FACT OF OUR CONTINUING  
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOC IN NO WAY REDUCES OUR KNOWN  
CONCERN FOR A CONTINUED FRIENDLY AND CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH  
THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY.

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6. CHELIK WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH DCM'S RESPONSE. HE SAID  
TFSC MIGHT FIND IT NECESSARY TO CLOSE ITS "LITTLE  
BORDER" TO DIPLOMATS OF COUNTRIES WHICH RECOGNIZE THE NEW

GREEK CYPRIOT LEADER AS PRESIDENT. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT NO ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN YET. TFSC AUTHORITIES ARE STUDYING THE SITUATION, HE SAID, AND WILL MAKE A DECISION IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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7. ISSUE OF INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF SUCCESSOR TO MAKARIOS WILL CONTINUE TO SIMMER THROUGHOUT PERIOD OF ELECTIONS. CONCUR WITH ANKARA'S 5944 THAT GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT WOULD BE USEFUL.  
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